

# Get to Know Indiana Disability Rights

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## What We Will Cover

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- Who We Are
- What We Do
- How We Do It
- Our Resources
- Case Studies



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# Who We Are

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## “The Protection & Advocacy (P&A) System Explained”



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l2tbZf3SLP0>



## Mission

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To protect and promote the rights of individuals with disabilities through empowerment and advocacy.



## Indiana Disability Rights

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- Serves all 92 counties
  - Office is located in Indianapolis
  - Six field staff
- Indianapolis Office
  - 4701 N. Keystone Ave.,  
Indianapolis, IN 46205
- Located on IndyGo Bus Routes 19 and 26.



# Indiana Disability Rights

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- Staff of 26
  - Advocates
  - Attorneys
  - Communication & Outreach
  - Finance
  - Operations



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# What We Do



## Teams

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- Community Integration
- Education
- Employment
- Investigate
- Justice
- Monitor Service Providers
- Voting Rights



## Voting Rights

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- Ensure accessibility at polling locations
- Provide educational materials about voting rights
- Provide training with and for self-advocates
- Staff Election Day Hotline





## **Types of Advocacy**

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- Self-Advocacy
- Individual Advocacy
- Systemic Advocacy



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## **Resources**



# Intake Advocates



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nvm7ODPKt3Q>



# Website



[www.IndianaDisabilityRights.org](http://www.IndianaDisabilityRights.org)



# Online Help Form

Indiana Disability Rights

INDIANA DISABILITY RIGHTS / FOR HELP, FILL THIS OUT

For Help, Fill This Out

Name

First Name Last Name

County

Out of State

E-mail Address

Phone Number

# Hoosiers Vote Website

Indiana Disability Rights

INDIANA DISABILITY RIGHTS

Equality Through Advocacy

Click here to read more

Why should you vote? Watch to find out.

Click here to watch our video

Click here to watch

Know Your Rights at the Polls

Learn more about what to expect at the polls.

Click here to read more

Welcome

Welcome to HoosiersVote.org

As you prepare to vote on May 7, Indiana Disability Rights is here to support you. On our Hoosiers Vote website, you can learn about the [ways to vote in Indiana](#), [download a one-page guide about your voting rights](#), or [watch a YouTube video from our voting series](#).

For Poll Workers

Making Polls Accessible

Assisting a Voter

Privacy Policy/Disclaimer

# Poll Worker Resources

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  - Update or Confirm Registration
  - Become an Informed Voter
  - Ways to Vote
  - Your Rights at Polls
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## Making Polls Accessible

As you get ready for Election Day, watch our video to learn how to make your polls accessible for people with disabilities.



[Watch this video in Spanish.](#)  
[Watch this video in ASL.](#)

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## Assisting a Voter

Watch this video to learn how to assist a voter with disabilities at the polls.



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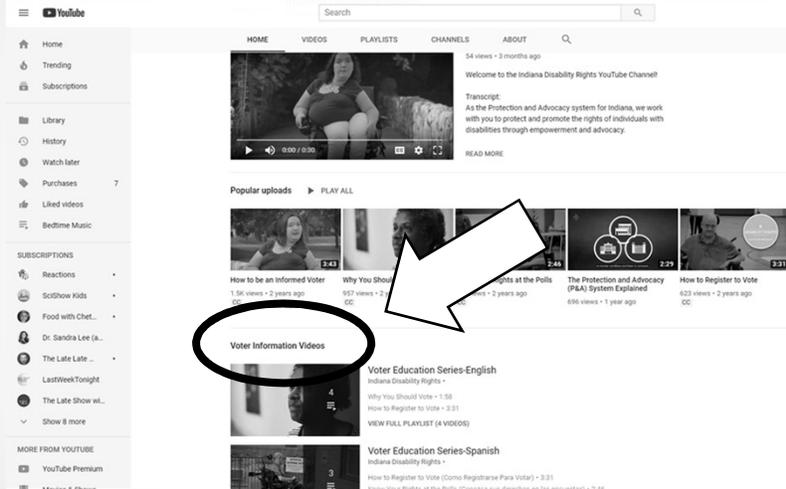
# Social Media



# YouTube Channel



# Voter Information Videos



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2nAqidRiPfQa53Yaf9qeCg>

# Polling Location Resources

Do you have a question about voting?  
Contact Indiana Disability Rights.

**800.622.4845**

**TTY: 800.838.1131**

**IndianaDisabilityRights.org**



# **Polling Location Resources**

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Signs for Deaf and Hard of hearing voters



# **Polling Location Resources**

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**Welcome to Polling location 1234.**

**We will need to see your photo ID,  
such as a driver's license or Indiana  
photo ID card, to find your name in  
the poll book.**



# Polling Location Resources

**Please sign next to your name.**

**This is your ballot. Take it to the voting booth and read the instructions at the top of the ballot. Remember to complete both sides of the ballot.**

**When you are done, take your ballot to the machine and put it in the slot. The poll worker can help you, if needed.**

**Thank you for voting today!**



# ADA Checklist

The screenshot shows the ADA.gov website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for Law / Regulations, Design Standards, Technical Assistance Materials, and Enforcement. The main content area features the title "ADA Checklist for Polling Places" above a 3D architectural diagram of a polling station. Below the diagram, the text reads: "ADA Checklist for Polling Places (HTML) | (PDF)" and "This 25-page document is an updated technical assistance publication on polling place accessibility for voters with disabilities. The publication includes information about key areas of a facility that must be accessible to voters with mobility or vision disabilities, options for low-cost temporary measures for removing barriers, and a survey to guide election officials in evaluating the accessibility of facilities used or being considered for use as polling places. (2016)". At the bottom of the page, there are sections for "Selected Topics" (listing Disability, HIV and AIDS, and Transportation), "Titles of the ADA" (listing Employment, State & Local Government, and Public Accommodations and Services), and a "Sign Up for Email Updates" button.

<https://www.ada.gov/votingck.htm>



# Case Studies

## Case Study #1

**FAIL.**

**All animals must be on Leash to enter building**

**Service Animals must have Certification Papers**

**VOTE**

**VOTE**

**Vote Here**

You know that paranoia surrounding voter ID fraud is bad when Indiana polling places try to mandate that even service animals have to provide proof of their identity as well... 🙄

Today I went to cast my early vote ahead of Election Day tomorrow. This polling place is listed as ADA compliant—federal law begs to differ. Public entities CANNOT require service animal handlers to provide documents. See More 📄

Rona Spat and Qing Tian 2 Comments

Like Comment Share

Write a comment...

## IDR Advocacy

- IDR was tagged in a Facebook post during early voting
- Tom Crishon, Managing Attorney, contacted county clerk's office to educate them on the rights of people with service animals, there are no "Certification Papers", and requested the sign be removed
- Clerk's office complied the same day



## Case Study #2



# Case Study #2

EVANSVILLE INDIANA  
& VANDERBURGH COUNTY

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## PRIMARY ELECTION VOTING CENTERS

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### 2016 Primary Election Day Vote Centers

Previously, a voter was required to vote at the polling place within the precinct they resided. Now, a voter can choose to vote at any Vote Center that is convenient for them.

**\*\*\*The elevator is out of order at Nativity Catholic Church, Washington Square Mall is the next closest Voting Center that is handicap Accessible.\*\*\***

On Election Day, May 3, 2016, the polls open at 6:00 AM and close at 6:00 PM.  
If you need information about a voter's registration, you can call the Voter's Registration Office at (812) 435-5223.  
For other election questions, you can call the Election Office at (812) 435-5122.

LOCATIONS	ADDRESS	ZIP
4-H Auditorium	201 E Boonville New Harmony Rd	47725

## IDR Advocacy

- IDR was notified of an inaccessible voting center
- IDR staff member was dispatched to visit location and took pictures
- IDR notified County Election Board and Clerk's Office that all polling locations must be accessible
- IDR discovered that this location had not been accessible for many election cycles

## **IDR Advocacy**

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- IDR worked with local disability advocates and voting rights advocates and provided in-person testimony at and Election Board meeting.
- Election Board and County Clerk were willing to work with IDR and local advocates to ensure all polling centers were accessible for the next election



## **IDR Advocacy**

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- All voting centers were reviewed before the next election by request of the County Clerk
- Reviewers were:
  - County Clerk
  - People with disabilities
  - Natasha, IDR Advocate
  - League of Women Voters



## Contact Us

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